

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hayes *et al.*

Serial No.:

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Entitled: Use of Biologically Active Vitamin D Compounds for the Prevention and Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir or Madam:

Prior to the examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, on line 3, please insert --The present Application is a Continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/469,985, filed December 21, 1999, which is allowed.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims: 1-20.

Please add the following New Claims: